

Vestal Central School District
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

PRESENT:

Mark Browning – ABSENT
Linda Daino
John Hroncich
Lynne Majewski
Dinno Nistico
Mario Nunes
Christina Pierce
Sylvia Place
Tony Turnbull – ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Ahearn
Asst Supt for Finance, Operations & Personnel Cliff Kasson
Asst Superintendent for Instruction Laura Lamash
School Attorney Michael Sherwood
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
District Clerk Kay Ellis

About 8 Visitors

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Board President Mario Nunes in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#315-20
Call to Order and Pledge of
Allegiance

On motion by Lynne Majewski, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education; update on the status of VTA negotiations.

#316-20
Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:22PM.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2020 as written.

#317 -20
Approval of Minutes

None.

#318-20
Public Comment on Agenda Items

Student Government Representative Claire Lee reported on the following:

- Varsity Basketball held Senior Night
- Cheerleading went to the State competition
- Swim team had a competition last week
- Senior Notables were announced
- Spring sports will be starting

#319-20
Reports

Board President Mario Nunes reported on the following:

--Liaisons: the Morning Program at Tioga Hills is focusing on cooperation; four students will be participating in the BCMEA competition this weekend

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn reported on the following:

--Capital Project: bids for Phase 2 were opened. This includes work at Clayton Ave, Tioga Hills, Glenwood, Maintenance and Transportation. The first block of remodeled classrooms at African Road will be completed by the end of Spring break. Some plumbing and electrical work will be done at the high school for Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

--Preliminary budget report: the maximum allowable levy currently stands at 2.17%, a change due to the inclusion of BOCES capital component figures. Insurance rate increase are being finalized. We are waiting on the Legislative budget announcement. The first draft of the 2020-21 budget will be presented at the next meeting.

--current graduation requirements will be reviewed by a blue-ribbon panel next year, feedback will be encouraged; the role of Regents and testing will be examined and a recommendation to the Board of Regents is expected in the winter of 2022

--Celebrating Our Practices will again be the theme of the upcoming Superintendent's Conference Day on March 12. 500 staff will participate, going to over 30 workshops. Teachers and paraprofessionals will attend together
 --the high school has one National Merit Scholarship finalist; one student who got a perfect score on the SATs and will be applying for a Presidential scholarship
 --Alex LeClair received the Prudential Community Services Award
 --the Districts' website has a new look; updated and improved
 --Vestal Police Department will hold a civilian training on responses to emergency situations on April 22 at the African Road auditorium

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Linda Daino, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept Schedule A – Treasurer's Report January 2020; Schedule B – Year-to-Date Budget Report January 2020; Schedule C – Schedule of Bills January 2020 and approve Schedule P - Personnel.

#320-20
 Acceptance of Schedule A, B C
 and
 Approval of Schedule P

Under Schedule P the following changes were made:

SCHEDULE IP 1

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Loretz, Jordan	Substitute Teacher		1/23/20	Other employment

SCHEDULE IP 2

RETIREMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Valenta, Karen	Science Teacher	Academic Area: Science	6/30/20

SCHEDULE IP 4A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (SUBSTITUTES):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kohlman, Karissa	Elementary	None	BS	2/26/20	
Sprouse, Heidi	Elementary	None	BS	2/26/20	
Wilton, Laura	Art/Foreign Language	None	BA	2/26/20	

SCHEDULE IP 4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 3 and 4 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2019-20 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board Meeting: **February 25, 2020.**

<u>AREA OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>AREA/BLDG</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>Softball: Modified</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>			<u>Graham, Taleah</u>	<u>2/25/20</u>
<u>VOLUNTEER</u>					
<u>INTRAMURALS</u>					
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>\$500</u>		<u>Hoyt, Scott</u>	<u>2/25/20</u>
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>\$541</u>		<u>Morris, Kim</u>	<u>2/25/20</u>

SCHEDULE IP 6

TENURE APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TENURE APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CERTIF</u>	<u>PROBATION PERIOD</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O'Connell, Meghan	Special Education Teacher	Special Subject Area: Gen Sp Ed	Professional	4/10/17-4/9/20	4/10/20	Previous NYS Tenure

SCHEDULE IP 8

CHANGES IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Terry, Jennifer	Reading Teacher	Special Subject Area: Remedial Reading	Change probation period from TBD to 3/2/20-3/1/23		Previous NYS Tenure

SCHEDULE NIP 2

RETIREMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Gould, Jeffrey	Building Maintenance Worker	Facilities & Operations	11/30/20	

SCHEDULE NIP 8A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Meehan, Caleen	Teacher Aide PT/S	2/26/20	
Padbury, Matthew	Cleaner PT/S	2/26/20	
Sharmin, Mst	Teacher Aide PT/S	2/26/20	
Yetsko, Susan	Teacher Aide PT/S	2/2/620	

SCHEDULE NIP 9B

PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>PROBATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Hoque, Mohammad	Bus Attendant (DIT)	Transportation	2/26/20-3/9/21	\$11.80/hr	52 wk probation period
Kicsak, Mary	Bus Attendant	Transportation	2/26/20-3/9/21	\$11.80/hr	52 wk probation period

SCHEDULE NIP 11

CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SHIFT/SCHOOL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Cochran, Barbara	Cleaner	CJH/Transportation	Revised Leave of Absence from 11/18/19-1/31/20 to 11/18/19 – TBD		Medical reasons

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into a license agreement for the use of certain Town of Vestal property for the Running of the Bears 5K Race on March 28, 2020 in accordance with the attached agreement.

#321-20
License Agreement – Town of Vestal (Running of the Bears)

On motion by Christina Pierce, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Auctions International, Inc. for the sale of educational institution assets, for a period of two (2) years after contract is executed, and in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement.

#322-20
Contract with Auctions International, Inc.

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Elizabeth Orleski of Drumzzone to provide services for staff on Superintendent's Conference Day March 12, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$435.00.

#323-20
Supt Conference Day 3/12/20
Contract with Drumzzone (Elizabeth Orleski)

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

#324-20
Supt Conference Day 3/12/20

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Julie Lovelass of Belva Lockwood Inn to provide services for staff on Superintendent's Conference Day March 12, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

Contract with Belva Lockwood Inn (Julie Lovelass)

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Lynne Majewski, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Deborah Fitzgerald, Professional Development Consultant ECE, SACC to provide services for staff on Superintendent's Conference Day March 12, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$100.00.

#325-20
Supt Conference Day 3/12/20
Contract with Deborah Fitzgerald, Consultant

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the American Civic Association to provide services for staff on Superintendent's Conference Day on March 12, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$350.00.

#326-20
Supt Conference Day 3/12/20
Contract with American Civic Association

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Vestal Central School District, a BOCES component school district, in accordance with Education Law Section 1950-11, hereby nominates Michon Stuart for the position of member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for term ending June 30, 2023.

#327-20
Nomination to BOCES Board of Trustees

On motion by Linda Daino, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of School Board Legal Counsel, Delta Engineering, LeChase Construction and Administration, the Board of Education accepts the bid results and authorizes the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education to sign agreements with following contractors as part of the Capital Improvement Project:

#328-20
2018 CIP Bid Award – Phase 2

CONTRACT GC-2 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

Andrew R. Mancini and Associates, Inc.	BASE BID	\$4,392,000
Alternate TH-003 SMART School Secure Entrance (Tioga Hills)		\$ 285,000
Alternate GL-002 ERV 1-5 GL Energy Recovery Ventilation		\$ 25,000
Alternate CA-002 SMART School Secure Entrance (Clayton Ave)		\$ 450,000
TOTAL AWARD for GC-2 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR		\$5,152,000

CONTRACT HC-2 HAZARDOUS ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR

Environmental Remediation Services Inc	BASE BID	\$ 321,500
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CONTRACT MC-2 MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

J&K Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc.	BASE BID	\$ 930,000
Alternate TH-003 SMART School Secure Entrance (Tioga Hills)		\$ 15,000
Alternate GL-002 ERV 1-5 GL Energy Recovery Ventilation		\$ 126,000
Alternate CA-002 SMART School Secure Entrance (Clayton Ave)		\$ 72,000
TOTAL AWARD for MC-2 MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR		\$1,143,000

CONTRACT EC-2 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

Matco Electric Corporation	BASE BID	\$ 781,700
Alternate TH-003 SMART School Secure Entrance (Tioga Hills)		\$ 67,000
Alternate GL-002 ERV 1-5 GL Energy Recovery Ventilation		\$ 11,700
Alternate CA-002 SMART School Secure Entrance (Clayton Ave)		\$ 31,500
TOTAL AWARD for EC-2 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR		\$ 891,900

CONTRACT PC-2 PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

Slavik & Company, Inc.	BASE BID	\$ 589,000
Alternate CA-002 SMART School Secure Entrance (Clayton Ave)		\$ 13,000
TOTAL AWARD for PC-2 PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR		\$ 602,000

On motion by Dinno Nistico, second by Christina Pierce, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District enter into a contract with Betty Mulno to allow her to transport a child to home instruction at the high school at a cost not to exceed \$300.00 from February 25, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

#329-20
Transportation Contract – Mulno
(home instruction student)

Michon Stuart, Butternut Drive, Vestal, thanked the Board for the nomination to the BOCES Board of Trustees

#330-20
Voice of the Public

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 6:00PM Regular Meeting

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 @ 7:00PM Regular Meeting

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

MONDAY, April 20, 2020 - @ 6:00PM Regular Meeting

Board Conference Room – Administration Building

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @ 7:00PM Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

Auditorium – Clayton Avenue Elementary School

#331-20
Future Meetings

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Sylvia Place, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn immediately.

#332-20
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk

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School District Attorney Michael Sherwood
District Clerk Kay Ellis
School Business Executive Matthew Bechtel
Director of Special Education Rosalie Sullivan – dismissed 7:04pm

Executive Session commenced at 7:02PM in the Small Conference Room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education were on the agenda. Board members had information for each student made available to them prior to the meeting for review. Board members gave due consideration to each case before voting.

On motion by Linda Daino, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Board was updated the status of VTA negotiations.

On motion by Sylvia Place, second by Dinno Nistico, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to open session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Kay Ellis
District Clerk